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Iran-Iraq Conflict

Military Situation -- Iranian artillery fire killed 147 Iraqis on the Iraqi side of the Shatt al-Arab, IRNA reported. According to an armed forces communique carried by Tehran radio, Iraqi forces sustained considerable losses during fighting on the Khorramshahr front.

An Iraqi military communique carried by Baghdad radio said Iraqi forward units struck at Iranian positions in the Khorramshahr area, killing 47.

Islamic Good Offices Committee Meeting -- The Islamic Good Offices Committee will meet on 6 June to discuss the Iran-Iraq war, Islamic Conference Organization Secretary General Habib Chatti said upon his arrival in Jordan, Amman radio reported.

Upcoming Majlis Decision -- The Majlis will decide shortly on the possibility of escalating the fighting against Iraq with a view to advancing into Iraqi territory, the London paper ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT reported. The paper added that an Iranian Foreign Ministry source, who confirmed this report, said there is opposition to such a decision. According to the source, some Iranian officials believe Iran should stop at its borders and be satisfied with regaining its territory. He also noted that the atmosphere with regard to the Islamic Good Offices Committee "has become more suitable than ever before."

Egyptian Comment, Denial of Meeting -- Judging from recent Iranian threats, Iran wants to cast its shadow over the Gulf and other parts of the Middle East, an AL-AHRAM editorial reported by Cairo radio opined. Warning that the Iranian leaders are adopting the same tone uttered by leaders who were so intoxicated by their strength that they brought destruction upon their countries, AL-AHRAM said Iran would do better to absorb the lesson of history and start searching for an honorable settlement based on right and justice. Iran can achieve its demands by diplomatic means now that it has proved its military strength, the paper added. According to MENA, AL-AHRAM also expressed concern that the Iranian forces will push toward Basrah and deploy on Iraq's borders with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, an official Egyptian source denied the London magazine AL-MAJALLAH's report that President Husni Mubarak recently met Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi for discussions on the Gulf war, MENA noted.

Iran

The Iraqi president and Iraqi Ba'th Party will have no fate except downfall and death, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni declared in a message carried by Tehran radio on the Guards Corps anniversary. Were it not for the commitment of the Iranian forces to protect the innocent and their fear of destroying Iraqi property, "a fact which still inhibits them," they would have taught the Ba'th Party such a decisive lesson that none of the "deviated" governments in the region would ever consider opposing Iran, Khomeyni said. He warned those countries in the region which are trying to confront Iran by returning Egypt to the Arab fold that they are making a big mistake. Khomeyni added that even if, after Iran's final victory over Iraq, these countries repent and change their un-Islamic behavior, it is not certain Iran could accept their repentance. He urged them to stop conspiring against and confronting Iran before it is too late.

In another part of his message, Khomeyni warned the Arab governments of the region that by submitting to the Camp David agreements and the Fahd plan, they will bring upon themselves the lasting enmity of Iran. Advising them against being deceived by the rulers of Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Oman, he asserted that if the Egyptian and Jordanian Governments had courage and consideration for human and Arab dignity, they would have saved themselves from the bondage of Israel.

Reaction to Haig Statement

Egyptian Welcome -- An AL-AKHBAR editorial reported by MENA welcomed U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's recent statements on the Middle East, asserting that Haig used the logic of facing up to the major challenges confronting the United States in the region. Haig's tone means that the United States is aware of the grave dangers in the Middle East and feels the need for a change in the course of events in the area, AL-AKHBAR asserted.

PLO, Iranian Hostility -- The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio said that by presenting through Haig new peace initiatives to solve all the problems in the Middle East, the United States "exceeds the minimum limit of logic" because it bears responsibility for "pushing the situation in the area to the brink or to the state of permanent explosion." The U.S. administration suffers from the illusion that its peaceful proposals can conceal the reality of its aggressive role in the region and make the ugly American face acceptable to Middle East states and peoples, the radio continued. The Palestinians, whose comprehensive rejection of the Camp David autonomy proposals has closed all doors in the face of that "plot," will continue to be the painful thorn in the U.S. side, the radio contended.

Linking Haig's announcement that the United States will play a more active role in ending the Iran-Iraq war with recent Saudi diplomatic activity and with UAE and Kuwaiti media comment, IRNA said "U.S. imperialism is doing its utmost to fan the flames of war through its hired agents."

Syria

Several agreements between Syria and the USSR were signed by Ivan Arkhipov, first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, and Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, Damascus radio reported. The agreements will consolidate and develop cooperation between Syria and the USSR in all fields, according to a SANA correspondent cited by the radio.

Libya

Galtieri-Al-Qadhdhafi Messages -- In a message to Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi carried by Tripoli radio, Argentine President Lt Gen Leopoldo Galtieri thanked the Libyan leader for Libya's "sincere and brave stance" regarding the "unjust war" being waged against Argentina. Galtieri said the struggle for liberation urgently requires spiritual solidarity to confront imperialism and materialism.

In a message to Galtieri on the occasion of Argentina's National Day, carried by Tripoli Voice of Arab Homeland, Al-Qadhdhafi expressed Libya's full support for the Argentine people's struggle against British colonialism.

Jallud in Moscow -- During the course of his current visit to the Soviet Union, Staff Maj 'Abd as-Salam Ahmad Jallud met with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, JANA reported. Jallud handed the Soviet leader a message from Colonel al-Qadhdhafi, JANA said, and also held a separate meeting with Soviet defense chiefs.

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DACCA REPORTS ON FUGITIVE SURVEY PLANE, CREW

BK270421 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] The attention of the Government of Bangladesh has been drawn to reports in the West Bengal [India] press about the Cessna 402 aircraft which had been flown to Calcutta from the Dacca international airport without clearance of the Bangladesh authorities.

The government has issued a handout to give a factual account of the circumstances surrounding the case. The Bangladesh space research and remote sensing organization took up a program for infrared color aerial photography of the whole country. Accordingly, an aerial survey company of Canada was engaged to carry out the project which has been aided by the UNDP grant. Before the project could be completed, the Canadian company was liquidated and its assets in Bangladesh -- including the aircraft -- reportedly became the property of another Canadian firm. The Bangladesh Government was informed by the FAO that the aircraft, along with equipment, would remain in Bangladesh until the next winter season when the photography could be completed. Representatives of the new Canadian firm arrived in Bangladesh to release the aircraft. While discussions were in progress, representatives of the new firm took off the aircraft illegally on Tuesday morning and proceeded to Calcutta.

The handout said the contractual obligations to Bangladesh for carrying out infrared aerial photography had not been fulfilled. Moreover, the company has to pay civil aviation and airport fees apart from fuel bills. Personnel of the new company have also violated the country's import-export and immigration laws.

Allegations that Bangladesh has asked them to carry out espionage activities over South Talpatti Island are baseless, totally fabricated and a mischievous attempt to rationalize illegal action. The Government of Bangladesh is in touch with the Indian authorities on this matter.

Return of Plane Requested

BK251255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 25 May 82

[Text] A small aircraft Cessna 402 took off from Dacca and landed at Calcutta airport this morning. The Bangladesh Government is trying to get it back. The Akasnvani Dacca correspondent said that the Indian high commission in Dacca is rendering all possible assistance.

BRIEFS

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA -- The government has decided to appoint Abdul Karim Khandakar Bangladesh high commissioner to India. This was announced in Dacca on 24 May. He is at present Bangladesh high commissioner to Australia. [Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 25 May 82 BK]

DANISH GRANT -- Bangladesh and Denmark have signed an agreement in Dacca under which Denmark will provide a grant of 625 million Danish kroner for Bangladesh during the next 5 years. [Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 26 May 82 BK]

NDP PRESIDENT, MEMBERS ARRESTED, 'EXTERNED'

GF271113 Karachi DAWN in English 26 May 82 p 1

[Text] Lahore, May 25 -- The president of the defunct National Democratic Party, Sardar Sherbaz Mazari, was today externed from the Punjab and sent to Karachi while Khan Abdul Wali Khan, Begum Nasim Wali Khan and Haji Ghulam Mohammad Bilor were sent back to Peshawar.

The externment order was served on them while they were attending a meeting of the Central Executive of the defunct party.

Over 20 other members of the party's working committee were arrested from the venue of the meeting -- the Gulberg residence of Mr Latif Qureshi -- and were later shifted to camp jail. Those arrested include Mr Afzal Khan, Haji Mohammad Adil, Mr Abdul Khaliq Khan, Arbab Hamayun and Mr Salim Khan from the NWFP; Syed Ahmad Delhavi, Mr Abid Zuberi, Mr Hasan Feroz Hafi Haji Sher Khan and Mr Hasan Hamadi from Sind; Rao Me'raz Akhtar, Mr Ehsan Wain, Mr Farooq Qureshi, Sardar Zulfiqar Khoso, Mr Abdul Nabi Kanjoo and Mr Asghar Aziz Rokri from Punjab; and Haji Ghulam Sarwar, Dr Inayat and Malik Usman Kansi from Baluchistan.

Begum Mehmooda Salim was also arrested but later released. She left for Peshawar.

A government press note issued here today said: This morning the Government of Punjab was constrained to resort to legal action and arrest all participants of the defunct NDP who, in flagrant violation of the MLR Nos. 33 and 48, were holding a meeting of its central working committee at the residence of Mr Latif Qureshi, advocate, Lahore.

The arrested persons include Khan and Begum Abdul Wali Khan, Sardar Sherbaz Mazari and Haji Ghulam Mohammad Bilor who have since been sent back to their respective places of residence.

FOUR GENERALS PROMOTED TO LT GEN RANK

BK261724 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] The government has announced the promotion of four general officers to the rank of lieutenant general with immediate effect. They are: Maj Gen (Khushdil Khan Afridi), Maj Gen Mujibur Rahman Khan, Maj Gen (Shamsur Rahman Kallu) and Maj Gen (Syed Rifaqat).

COMMODITY EXCHANGE PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH USSR

BK270905 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 23 May 82

[Text] Pakistan and the Soviet Union have signed in Moscow a fresh commodity exchange protocol providing for an exchange of goods worth $50 million during 1982.

Under the protocol, Pakistan will export among other things cotton textiles, readymade garments, leather garments, leather goods, books and cinematographic films. The import from the Soviet Union will include equipment and spares for steel mills and the oil and gas development corporation, earthmoving and road building equipment, agricultural machinery, cement, sheet and plate glass and air conditioners.

SRI LANKA

TAMIL SECESSIONIST GETS 15-YEAR JAIL TERM

BK271549 Hong Kong AFP in English 0911 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] Colombo, 27 May (AFP) -- Uma Maheswaran, the leader of the banned militant Tamil secessionist group "Liberation Tigers", who was arrested in Madras on Tuesday [25 May], has a 15-year prison term awaiting him here.

Maheswaran and a fellow militant, Sellappa Nagarasa, were tried in absentia and found guilty of the attempted murder of a ruling party parliamentarian, C. Canagaratnam, nearly 4 and 1/2 years ago, observers recalled.

Mr. Canagaratnam, who won an Eastern Province seat as a candidate from the Tamil United Liberation Front at the 1977 general election, later crossed over to the ruling United National Party.

The High Court judge who heard the case said that a document found at the scene indicated that Mr. Canagaratnam's defection was the motive for the attempt on his life.

The parliamentarian was shot at and wounded one evening opposite his Colombo residence. He spent some months in hospital, and later died of natural causes.

Meanwhile Sri Lanka's Deputy Defence Minister T.B. Werapitiya has asked local police chief Rudra Rajasingham, now in New Delhi with other police officers involved in the arrest, to thank the Madras police for their assistance, police sources said.

The Madaras police have not only arrested Maheswaran, the Tamil secessionist heading the wanted list, they earlier apprenended Velupillai Prabhakaran, another leading Tamil separatist who heads a rival militant group.

Prabhakaran and an associate were arrested when they fired at Maheswaran and his colleagues, wounding one of them.

A reward of 500,000 rupees (25,000 dollars) had earlier been offered for the arrest of these two leading militants who had been evading the police for several months.

The sources said that the Madras police would now be entitled to the reward money.

Meanwhile the widows of some of the policemen believed to have been killed by these militant leaders have cabled Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran to ask for the maximum penalty for the arrested Sri Lankans, the government-owned daily MIRROR said today.

BRIEFS

FINNISH DEVELOPMENT AID -- Minister of Finance Ron de Mel has held discussions with the prime minister of Finland covering the entire range of political and economic relations between the two countries. The minister was in the Finnish capital of Helsinki to attend the meetings of the interim committee and the development committee of the World Bank and the IMF. In the course of discussions, arrangements were finalized for Finnish development assistance to Sri Lanka amounting to 600 million rupees for 1982-84 period. The finance minister also held discussions with the ministers of finance and foreign affairs of Finland. A double taxation agreement between Sri Lanka and Finland was also signed. [Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 20 May 82 BK]

REVOLUTION GUARDS DAY MARKED IN TEHRAN

AFP Report

NC272310 Paris AFP in English 2252 GMT 27 May 82

[By Pierre Taillefer]

[Text] Tehran, 27 May (AFP) -- Revolutionary Guards Day was celebrated here today by many thousands of movement members marching through the streets in a demonstration of their force.

The guards were formed in the earliest days of Iran's Islamic revolution three years ago, and this armed organization of the disinherited, as it has been called, now numbers an estimated 120,000 according to diverse sources. They are considered the most dedicated defenders of the revolution's cause. And today they marched by sections representative of the movement's various functions. The guards are dedicated to the defense of the revolution against enemies both inside the country and outside.

In the march, the more seasoned militants led the very young and the very old from the movement's local committes, all armed with the most disparate weapons, collected at the time of the overthrow of the shah's regime. Some youngsters seemed hardly taller than their rifles.

In the first ranks of the parade, some 40 clergymen with carnations in the barrels of their guns tried hard to keep up the pace. They were followed by special guard units charged with the protection of public personalities. Made up of middle-aged men mostly, they passed in groups of 50, or rode the powerful Japanese motor cycles they alone in Iran are authorized to use.

Then followed other units back from the front of the war with Iraq, a band around their foreheads bearing the name of Allah, and chanting "The pasdaran (guards) are ready to sacrifice themselves for you."

Young people swarmed around the fighters, carrying photographs or portraits of guards who died in battle.

Up to 500 girls, all wearing black veils, the chador, and carrying Soviet Kalashnikov guns, closed the parade, which was watched by only sparse crowds.

In a message read by his son Seyyed Ahmad, religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni renewed his warning to Arab countries in the area that persist in opposing the Iranian Islamic Republic.

"Return to Islam and your people while it is not too late," he urged them, and "cease the plots and calumnies against powerful Iran." "Join the people and Government of Iran against Israel and the enemies of Islam," the ayatollah added, concluding that those who were not heeding his counsel were "digging with their hands -- in fact the criminal hands of the United States -- their own tombs."

The high point of the day came with a parade of a few tanks and armored vehicles taken from the Iraqis. They are now part of the revolutionary guards' heavy equipment, which its military arm has been specially eager to obtain.

Khomeyni Message

LD272158 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 May 82

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, on the occasion of the birthday of the great guard of Islam, His Holiness Hoseyn -- May God's peace be upon him -- this afternoon glorious celebrations marking Guards Day were held in Imam Hoseyn Square.

The celebrations were attended by Messrs Mahdavi-Kani, member of the Council of Guardians; Taheri-Khorramabadi and Mahallati, representatives of the imam in the Islamic Revolution Guards Crops; Brigadier-General Zahirnezhad, chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mohsen Reza'i, commander in chief of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; Colonel Hejazi, head of the national police; and a group of self-sacrificing figures of the Islamic revolution. The clergy, military personnel, various groups of Muslim people of Tehran and Islamic revolution guards, chanting revolutionary and Islamic slogans, marched in unified and solid ranks from Tehran University through Taleqani Street to Imam Hoseyn Square and gathered in that square. There, after chanting some verses from the glorious Koran, various units from the Air Force, the Navy and the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran marched past the glorious Koran and the portrait of Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Then Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni read a message from the imam of the nation on the occasion of Guards Day. We draw you attention to this message:

[Begin recording] Message of the illustrious leader of the Islamic revolution, His Great Eminence Imam Khomeyni, on the occasion of Islamic Revolution Guards Day:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. As the result of the great and repeated victories, especially the Jerusalem victory, which was one of the great and rare victories in the history of wars, today for us marks the victory of truth over falsehood and the army of God over the army of Satan; thus, it is more blessed and meritorious. The Guards Corps, which is a major pillar in the history of the Islamic revolution, by following in the footsteps of the master, the lord of the wronged ones -- may God's peace and blessings be upon him -- has saved the Iranian nation and beloved Islam from the dark and dim nights of monarchical tyranny. They have been and are a solid pillar and an effective means in guarding the revolution and its goals.

On the battlefronts of the holy defense of Islam and the Islamic homeland, with complete unity and solidarity with the esteemed armed forces, the beloved Mobilization, the respected gendarmerie and tribes and the other military, security and popular forces, the Guards Corps have remained as steadfast as an iron dam and a solid foundation and have disgracefully expelled the enemies of Islam and humanity from the battlefronts. They have earned for themselves, for Islam and the esteemed Iranian homeland honor which history will never forget and which will not be overlooked by his holiness the remnant of God -- may our souls be sacrificed at his footsteps.

Today, the treacherous Saddam has realized that he will not be able to escape the trap which has been placed in his path. He and the infidel Ba'thist Party of Iraq will have no fate except downfall and death. Therefore, despite all his boastful words and empty claims of being the commander of the Qadisiyah and beating an empty drum claiming to be a revolutionary and to be an irreconcilable foe of Israel, today he has taken refuge in the lap of the government which is a lackey of America and which is a friend and ally of Israel, and has stretched a begging and supplicating hand toward the enemies of the Arabs and Islam, in the hope that they might first of all save him from this deathtrap which he has laid for himself, and second that they might divert attention from the great enemy of Islam; and the usurper of their lands and might implement the shameful Camp David agreement by returning Husni Mubarak to the Arab community, or implement the Fahd plan, which is a source of disgrace to the Arab nation and, more importantly, to Islam.

I warn the Arab governments in the region that, by submitting to such plans, in addition to putting themselves in a position of bondage to America -- or, even more shameful, to Israel -- they will also bring upon themselves the lasting enmity of the people, the government and the powerful Armed Forces of Iran. If you do not return to the embrace of Islam today, tomorrow it will be too late.

Do not be deceived by the deceits of America and by the nonsensical talk of Husni, Hasan, Hoseyn and Qabus who are truly in need of a guardian and who mistreat the youths of their country and the weapons and ammunition of their armed forces which should be used for the sake of saving themselves from the clutches of Israel. Let them not incite you to engage in hostility against an Islamic country which sent to hell the destroyed shah with all his satanical nature and the assistance which he received from bigger or smaller Satans and Saddam, who is even more criminal than the destroyed shah. Do not allow your press and your mass media to spread poison, to engage in accusations and false rumors against a country and order which desires to behave in a brotherly and good neighborly fashion with all the Muslims and the governments of the region.

You have daily witnessed how the esteemed president and the Iranian Government and Majlis have repeatedly advised you and called you to friendship, how they wish to place alongside you the great power of Islamic Iran in order to repulse the countries who have cast a greedy eye upon your resources and how they wish to save you and your resources from the hellish throat of the world devourers in the interest of the noble and wronged nations of the region.

At the beginning of the revolution, when the armed forces and the Guards Corps and the rest of our armed forces did not possess sufficient readiness, Saddam suddenly attacked Iran from the land, air and sea with all his weapons and with the treason of some of the elements who were in power, and in a surprise attack occupied a large part of our country. As soon as the believing forces and the self-sacrificing youths learned of this they blocked their path and the high-flying eagles of the air force smashed military positions throughout Iraq.

Were it not for their Islamic commitment and their desire to protect the innocent and their fear of destroying property belonging to the brotherly Iraqi nation -- a fact which still inhibits them -- they would have taught the Ba'thist Party such a decisive lesson that none of the deviated governments of the region would any longer harbor the ambition of fighting against a nation which regards martyrdom as a divine bounty.

Now that, with the grace of Almighty God and divine assistance and with the nation's unbounded love and faith, our armed forces, the Guards Corps, the Mobilization units, the tribal units and popular forces and military and security forces and revolution committees and the rest of the forces are armed with all the weapons and equipment, their call for martyrdom and "War, war until victory" has shaken not only Iran but the whole world, and from a position of great strength they stretch their powerful and blissful hands for friendship and Islamic brotherhood towards all Muslims, especially the neighboring nations and governments. I advise them that it is not in their interest -- either in this world or in the next -- to conspire every day or, with the futile hope of support from Egypt and Jordan and other traitors to themselves and to beloved Islam to wish to implement the conspiracies of world-devouring America.

If the Egyptian and Jordanian Governments had any guts and if they had any thought for their human and Arab dignity they would have saved themselves from the bondage of the Zionist regime of Israel, rather than try to recognize Israel or, through the enslaving Camp David plan, strengthen the bonds of their own bondage and degradation. Those who with their futile imagination are trying to confront the Islamic Republic by returning Egypt to the Arab fold are making a big mistake. They are digging their own graves with their own hands, which is (?the criminal hand) of America.

If after the final victory which, God willing, is only a few steps away, they turn away from their un-Islamic and un-Arabic behavior and repent -- even if the officials accept their repentance -- it is not certain that our wronged and bereaved nation would also accept it. If the nation does not accept it, none of the Iranian Government officials would have the ability to do anything, because in the Islamic Iran the nation makes the final decisions on all issues.

Therefore, before the opportunity is lost and before it is too late, they should return to the embrace of Islam and their own nations and stop conspiring against and confronting the powerful Iran. They should join with and cooperate with the Iranian Government and nation against Israel and other enemies of Islam and humanity; for in this lies their interest in this world and in the next. At the moment, the door of salvation is open to them.

Finally, I humbly thank the Iranian nation which has joyfully endured the inevitable difficulties of wartime. It even encourages the officials, and in addition to presenting its beloved ones to Islam it is active behind the fronts and with its very valuable assistance it supports the self-sacrificing forces and the government which is at their service. It has brought honor to the great Islam and its beloved homeland. Indeed, were it not for this Islamic and human attitude, the government would have reached an impasse in its very first steps.

May the blessings of God and His prophet be upon the martyrs and the wounded of the war imposed by Iraq upon Iran. May God's felicitation be upon the fathers, mothers and wives and all the families of the glorious martyrs of the beloved Islam and Iran. May the greetings and felicitations of the Iranian people be upon those who have been injured in the war. May death and curses be upon the superpowers, especially the criminal America, whose filthy hands are responsible for most of the troubles perpetrated in the region. May God's blessings and greetings be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni [end recording]

DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETS, BRIEFS KHOMEYNI

LD271156 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] Supreme Defense Council members President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i; Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly; Brigadier Zahirnezhad, chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Colonel Salimi, the defense minister; Foreign Minister Velayati; Colonel Seyyed-Shirazi, commander of the ground forces; Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; Sham'khani, deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; and Kamal Gharazi, official in charge of the War Publicity Staff, met this morning at Imam Khomeyni's residence.

At their meeting, which was also attended by Hojjat ol-Eslam Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni, certain decisions were adopted regarding the latest developments and events related to battle victories.

The Supreme Defense Council was later received by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the Islamic revolution and commander in chief of the armed forces. They reported to him on the outcome of their meeting. In conclusion they held congregational prayers, led by Imam Khomeyni.

RAFSANJANI RESTATES CONDITIONS FOR END TO WAR

GF271352 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] On the eve of the beginning of the Majlis' third year of functioning, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani spoke to our correspondent about the current conditions set by the Islamic Republic of Iran to end the imposed Iraqi war.

He said: We are not the aggressors; we have always been defending ourselves. Since the war was imposed on us and our rights were violated, we have announced our conditions as follows: the withdrawal of aggressor forces from Iranian soil, the imposition of fines against the aggressor for damages we have sustained, the investigation of Saddam's crimes and the return of Iraqi deportees to their homes.

The Majlis speaker added that the aggressor forces, instead of responding to our demands, have persisted in being obdurate and in remaining [in Iranian territory]. However, our competent combatant forces were able to liberate a large part of the Islamic homeland from the presence of aggressors. The other conditions are the fine that should be paid to us and the investigation of Saddam's crimes. In that regard, the Majlis speaker said: The Saddam regime, after all the crimes it perpetrated against the nation of Islam, cannot survive. He added: We will prosecute Saddam as a criminal of war, within the right given to us by international norms. Hashemi-Rafsanjani affirmed that the Iraqi deportees should return to their homes.

Referring to the involvement of imperialist media in secret devious machinations and conspiracies and their allegation that Iran poses a danger to the Arab countries, the Majlis speaker said: These are desperate and futile attempts they make with every great victory we achieve. Since the strike this time was more devastating and the victory greater, resulting in the capture of 19,000 of Saddam's soldiers and the loss of the morale and physical capability of Iraq to maintain resistance against the strikes of our forces, Saddam's masters have started to instigate the reactionary Arab countries to give more support to Saddam, which is a likely prelude to a more obvious U.S. interference in the region.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 926

LD271840 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 May 82

[Communique No 926 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear compatriots: The dedication and sacrifices rendered by the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, those followers of the path adopted by the master of freedom-seekers and the lord of the martyrs, Hoseyn ibn 'Ali -- peace be upon his soul -- will perpetuate Islam and the Muslims' supremacy on the battlefronts of the war between truth and falsehood over the infidel mercenary Saddamists.

The situation at the war fronts, and the results of fighting and exchanges of fire yesterday between Islam's warriors and the mercenary enemy are as follows:

Exchanges of fire and fighting continued yesterday on the Khorramshahr fronts, and our able and triumphant forces, further consolidated their established concentrations and defensive positions, inflicted constant and effective blows on the Saddamist forces. The enemy sustained considerable losses and casualties.

On the Abadan front, the gendarmerie stalwarts returned fire on the enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud and prevented enemy movements on the Al-Faw-Basrah axis. During these operations around 80 Iraqi forces were either killed or injured and a considerable number of Iraqi light- and heavy-weapon positions and troop assembly areas were destroyed.

Fighting and sporadic exchanges of artillery and other heavy-weapon fire were in force on the western fronts between our triumphant forces and the mercenaries of Saddam. Mounting heavy-weapon fire on the enemy positions, the combatants of the ground forces blocked the Saddam forces' movement and destroyed a number of Iraqi supply posts and two tanks. During these operations, our forces set a number of Iraqi bunkers on fire, killing their occupants.

In the regions west of the country where the stalwarts of the irregular tribal warfare units and the combatants of the gendarmerie are stationed, constant and sporadic exchanges of fire were in force.

On the Marivan front, the ground forces' fighters mounted artillery and heavy-weapon fire on the enemy positions in the regions of (Hami) Garmaneh and Saft Tavalan, inflicted certain losses and casualties on the enemy and destroyed enemy supply posts.

On the Paveh front, as a result of fire mounted by our selfless combatants, 12 Iraqi Ba'th forces were killed and damage was inflicted on the enemy positions and equipment.

As a result of heavy-weapon fire mounted yesterday by our air force's air-defense units, all the Iraqi air encroachments in the war regions of the south and west of our country were repulsed.

Parts of Abadan's residential quarters and installations were the targets of enemy artillery and heavy-weapon fire yesterday.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRAQI LOSSES IN ARVAND RUD FIGHTING REPORTED

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[Text] Ahvaz, 26 May (IRNA) -- Fire exchanges continued over the past 24 hours between the Islamic combatants and the Iraqi aggressors along the maritime borders of the Arvand River leading to the smashing of the mast of an Iraqi ship. An Iraqi munitions carrying vehicle, two RPG-7 positions, a watch post, a mortar launcher, two artillery positions and a group bunker, located beyond the Arvand River in the Iraqi territory, were also smashed by the f .e of the Islamic combatants and 147 Iraqi soliders were killed or wounded.

Following the liberation of Khorramshahr and the sweeping out of the Iraqi aggressors the southern warfronts are now limited [words indistinct].

IRAQI ARTILLERY ATTACKS KHORRAMSHAHR MOSQUE

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[Text] Khorramshahr, 27 May (IRNA) -- The ja'me mosque of the liberated Khorramshahr, the sight of massive prayer gatherings, became the target of revenge of the enemy of Islam. In the course of an artillery attack against this stronghold of resistance, 11 combatants were martyred. According to latest reports a few other Islamic defenders were wounded due to this criminal attack and were transferred to hospitals. Since the liberation of Khorramshahr, Iraqi troops moved their artillery to the other side of the Shatt al-'Arab and frequently hit the half ruined city, causing the martyrdom of a number of Islamic combatants. Similarly since the seige of Abadan was broken in September, it has also been the target of long- and middle-range artillery attack.

2 IRAQI AIRCRAFT DOWNED NEAR ABADAN 28 MAY

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[Text] According to the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, two aggressor Iraqi aircraft were shot down at 1021 and 1023 today by the air defense units and fighter aircraft of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the vicinity of Abadan.

TEHRAN REPORTS ON STATUS OF IRAQI POW'S

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, following the liberation of Khuninshahr -- the city of blood and uprising -- this morning 3,000 Iraqi POW's, who had been taken prisoner by the powerful forces of Islam in Khuninshahr, arrived in Mashhad in three trains and after evacuation were transferred to the POW camps by bus.

According to this report, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hakim, who together with the other representatives of liberation movements, has gone to Mashhad at the invitation of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Khorasan in order to take part in the "Guards Day" ceremonies, attended a meeting of the POW's at the hall of the Mashhad railway station.

In a speech he explained to the POW's the gains of the Islamic revolution of Iran, the recent victories achieved by the combatants of Islam in Khuninshahr and the capability of the fronts. The Iraqi POW's chanted the slogan "Death to Saddam" and, confirming his speech, expressed their revulsion of Saddam and the Ba'thist regime in Iraq.

TEHRAN SCORES SHARON REMARKS ON ARMS SUPPLIES

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] Nobody has volunteered to save the Saddam regime except Ari'el Sharon, the Zionist minister of defense, who while in Washington decided to throw a life preserver to Baghdad in order to prolong the collapsing regime's life for a few more days. What has Sharon done and what is the impact of his deed on the future of this regime?

Sharon, in his campaign of falsehood, finished the scenario of the rescue of the Saddam regime during the darkest period of its flimsy reign. Within this preset scenario, Sharon was asked: Have you supplied aid to Iran? Yes, a little aid, Sharon answered, thinking that he had finished the task assigned him by U.S. imperialism.

More than a score of times, Israel has said that it has given military aid to the Islamic Republic. Not once did it provide proof of this allegation. It is easy to unbridle the tongue, especially if it is like Israel's, but it is difficult for Israel to provide one single piece of evidence of its allegations. The only evidence is the Saddam regime's need for such talk so that Israel can express how patriotic and pan-Arabist [qawmi] the Baghdad rulers are.

Every time Israel found its ally, Saddam, in a dire quandary, it made such a statement, once by Eytan and again by Sharon. The speakers are several, but the talk is the same and the objective behind it obvious. It is certainly the rescue of the original ally, Saddam, and his regime.

Amid his talks with his U.S. masters on reviving the strategic agreement, Sharon found out that his debt was to be paid off that very day. The debt of Al-Qadisiyah was to be repaid through newspapers and magazines. Therefore, he made these statements that were resented by everyone, overlooking the fact that the main enemy that he fears is the victorious Islamic revolution and the wonderful victories achieved by the soldiers of Islam.

Sharon and other members of the gang of aggression realize that the soldiers of Islam are marching toward them and that the war of Jerusalem will not end until the liberation of Jerusalem. Therefore, Sharon hurried to Washington and knelt before his masters, asking them to implement the strategic agreement out of the belief that it will save him from the Islamic danger which has almost entered Palestine and abutted Jerusalem.

Sharon's journey to Washington and Haig's statement that the victories by the Islamic forces will threaten U.S. interests in the Middle East are further evidence of Israel's fear of the new equation produced by the liberation operations in the usurped land in Khorramshahr and Hoveyzeh. The U.S. interests that Haig spoke about are the Zionist presence in the Middle East, which is threatened and doomed to destruction by the Islamic forces. Therefore, the strategic cooperation between Washington and Tel Aviv was established and 75 F-16 jet fighters worth $2.5 billion were offered to the Zionist enemy.

These facts cannot be attributed to anything but the dazzling victories achieved by the heroes of Islam on the war fronts. As for what Sharon said about the alleged Iraqi threat, it is nothing more than blowing a broken trumpet. Sharon had to speak up so that the Baghdad rulers would hear him and that he would placate them even in the last days of their life.

OIL OFFICIAL ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

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[Text] Tehran, 26 May (IRNA) -- A delegation is to estimate shortly the damages inflicted upon the Imam Khomeyni petrochemical complex and the expenditures for the project's suspension period as well as the investment ceiling. Announcing this the Oil Ministry undersecretary in petrochemical affairs, engineer Taheri Najafabadi, who headed the Iranian delegation in talks with Japanese delegation, hoped that the executive operation of the complex would soon start.

In an exclusive talk with IRNA, he said that the fourth round of negotiations were completed between the Iranian and Japanese delegations regarding the petrochemical complex of Imam Khomeyni Port, on the Persian Gulf. During these talks they reviewed the legal, financial and technical issues with regard to the contracts and undertakings of the two sides.

He stated that the petrochemical industries [word indistinct] believed that the former contracts, agreements and undertakings should remain valid until the complex was completed and had started operations.

On the other hand, the Japanese contractors announced that they could not supply the needed surplus capital due to financial problems. Yet, they were ready for any technical cooperation until the completion of the complex.

Engineer Taheri stated that Iran has announced that the executive offices of the complex should be opened as soon as possible and agreements have been reached in this regard between the two sides.

The engineer further said that if the prepared programmes were approved by the Iranian petrochemical authorities, the Iranian company, while preserving its rights, would accept financial assistance for executive affairs for six months so that along with the constructional activities and negotiations of Japanese contractors with Japanese governmental and banking authorities, some ways would be found to solve the financial problems. He also said that if the Japanese contractors needed the assistance of Iranian technicians, Iran was ready to meet this demand.

Engineer Taheri continued that the Japanese delegation was informed that the former undertakings should be completely (?observed and) the new investment, predicted to be more than 3.5 billion dollars, would be supplied by Iran as a low-interest loan which would be repaid from the profits of the complex after it has started operations.

PETROLEUM MINISTER MEETS SYRIAN PRESIDENT

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[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit report, Petroleum Minister Gharazi today met and conferred with President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus. Iranian ambassadors to Syria and Kuwait, Messrs Mohtashemi and Ardakani, as well as Majlis Deputy Fakhreddin Hejazi, also attended the meeting.

NVOI WARNS OF DANGER POSED BY PAKISTAN, TURKEY

TA262003 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 26 May carried a commentary entitled "Let Us Not Pursue Superficiality and Blind Fanaticism in Connection With the Sworn Enemies of the Revolution."

It stated that some of the officials and authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran are trying to portray Pakistan and Turkey as the friends and defenders of our nation's anti-imperialist and Islamic revolution and of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the international arena, although most probably these gentlemen themselves are well aware that the regimes ruling over Pakistan and Turkey are the puppets of world-devouring America and are the implementors of the orders of the CIA. For this reason they cannot be the friends and supporters of our Islamic Republic.

The true forces of the revolution have repeatedly drawn the attention of the Islamic Republic's committed and far-sighted government figures to the indisputable fact that a great and serious danger is aimed by the subservient Pakistani and Turkish regimes at the existence of our homeland. Member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Pakistan, the United States and Britain are actually engaged in extensive cooperation against revolutionary Iran, without being allied in a single pact. At the same time all of Turkey's affairs are being run by the Americans who have 28 military bases in Turkey.

"Only recently Mr Velayati, our homeland's foreign minister, paid a visit to so-called Islamic Pakistan, and certain agreements were reached on the expansion of political, commercial and economic relations with Pakistan between the government delegations of Iran and Pakistan. Mr Velayati said in Pakistan that the Muslims of the world should unify their forces against the Zionists of Israel. Although Mr Velayati had called upon the Muslims of the world to unite against the Zionist Israel, nevertheless, Pakistan's newspapers immediately came out in protest against these remarks by our homeland's foreign minister, and wrote with total bluntness that Pakistan can never and should not take part in the Muslim people's confrontation against Israel, for Israel relies on the United States, and war with Israel means hostility toward the United States."

"Having confidence in two fierce wolves and two bloody foes of revolutionary Iran -- the subservient Turkish and Pakistani regimes -- because they falsely and hypocritically carry the Islamic name, is a great and unforgivable mistake. Confidence in and rapprochement with these two subservient regimes of the great Satan means being indifferent toward the preparations that are being made in these countries against our revolution and gains. In simple language it means laying the ground for fresh plots by the great Satan against the existence of our Islamic Republic's system. Our ever-present-on-the-scene people will never forgive such mistakes that could cost our country and nation a high price and new countless sacrificies."

RADIO IRAN REPORTS PRC DELEGATION SEEKING OIL

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[Text] In pursuance of its policy of expanding of political and economic ties with communist countries, Khomeyni's regime has invited a PRC economic and trade delegation to Iran. This delegation is now in Tehran. It is led by the deputy director of the Chinese oil company.

The Chinese want to purchase oil from the Islamic regime and to provide technical and agricultural services to the mullahs in return, instead of cash. The Chinese have proposed certain conditions for the purchase of oil from Iran. They will be selling oil to Japan throughout the year.

Since Iranian oil is far cheaper than Chinese oil, in this way they will be able to buy cheaper oil for domestic consumption and retail the same amount of their own more expensive oil to others and thus make a profit.

MUJAHIDIN THWART SOVIET ATTACK ON PANJSHER

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[Text] The Afghan mujahidin have crushed an attack that was carried out jointly by the Soviet and Afghan Government forces against Panjsher Valley. The mujahidin inflicted heavy losses in personnel and equipment and forced them to retreat. The joint Soviet-Afghan forces had previously bombed the Afghan mujahidin positions in the Panjsher Valley and landed their helicopters on the surrounding hills, while an armored column tried to enter the valley.

It is known that this is the fifth unsuccessful attempt by the joint Soviet-Afghan forces to carry out an operation against the Afghan mujahidin in the Panjsher Valley.

BRIEFS

DISCUSSIONS WITH UAE, QATAR ENVOYS -- The Central News Unit reports that the United Arab Emirates charge d'affaires in Tehran met the political under secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At this meeting matters of interest to both countries and regional developments were discussed and the stances of both countries on expanding mutual relations, relaxing tension in the region and keeping it away from superpower interference were subjected to an exchange of opinion. The charge d'affaires of Qatar in Tehran also met the political under secretary of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At this meeting the developments in the region and matters of mutual interest were discussed and the two sides confirmed the need to keep the region away from foreign interference. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 24 May 82 LD]

NEW FLEET COMMANDER -- According to a Central News Unit report, on the occasion of the auspicious birthday of the third great religious leader, His Holiness Hoseyn ibn 'Ali, may peace be upon him, and on the occasion of Guards Day, this morning a glorious parade of the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman fleet was held in the presence of Captain Afzali, commander of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the commander of the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman fleet; the head of the political-ideological office and the base's [as heard] commanders and personnel. During the ceremony, Captain Afzali, commander of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, presented Staff Captain Razmju as the new commander of the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman fleet, and in a speech congratulated the audience on the auspicious birthday of His Holiness Iman Hoseyn, may peace be upon him, and also on the occasion of Guards Day. [Excerpt] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 May 82 LD]

NEW GREEK AMBASSADOR -- According to a Central News Unit report, the new Greek ambassador to Tehran this afternoon met with Mr Velayati, our country's foreign affairs minister, and presented a copy of his credentials. At this meeting the Greek ambassador, referring to the ancient civilizations of Iran and Greece, hoped that the two countries' relations would expand more than heretofore. Mr Velayati also considered the ancient cultural and scientific records and the mutual understanding of the peoples of the two countries as a suitable basis for the expansion of relations between the two countries. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 May 82 LD]